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Dear Dr. McClintock-

In a the course of a review, I am going to have occasion to refer to the possibility that Lindegren's yeasts (mis-)behavior can be accounted for on the basis of polysomic inheritance. I understand that you were perhaps the first to raise this question. I should like to refer to you as the source of this suggestion. Would this meet with your approval?

The reference would read simply somewhat as follows:

" As Dr. McClintock has pointed out, the occurrence of anamalous tetrads might be the result of polysomic or polyploid inheritance.

At least, this has not been ruled out...."

The paper is rather speculative, and I would prefer to avoid the impression that I am coining these ideas rather than collecting them.

Yours sincerely,

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